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(C) Poloff delivered subject demarche to Moroccan Division Head for Arab and Islamic Organizations Mohamed Arrouchi November 12. Arrouchi stated that Morocco supported the Government of Afghanistan and that Morocco would look into sending a high-level representative for the Afghan presidential inauguration. He confirmed that Morocco supported U.S. interests in Afghanistan and that Morocco wanted to see Afghan President Karzai succeed. However, he said that Morocco did not intend to send diplomatic representation to Afghanistan in the near future although he understood why the U.S. considered this an important gesture. He stated that Moroccan officials met with Afghan representatives on the margins of international meetings, mostly at Organization for the Islamic Conference reunions.

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